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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE AFRICAN UNION STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE DESPICABLE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS, FRANCE**

**Addis Ababa, 14 November 2015:** The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, is deeply shocked and saddened by the despicable terrorist attacks that took place yesterday in Paris, resulting in the killing of over 100 people and wounding many others.

The Chairperson of the Commission condemns in the strongest terms these cowardly attacks, which cannot be justified under any circumstances. She conveys the AU's most sincere condolences to the families of the victims and to the French Government, and wishes speedy recovery to those wounded. She expresses Africa's full support to, and solidarity with, the French people and Government.

The Chairperson of the Commission reaffirms the AU's total rejection of terrorism and extremism in all their forms and manifestations. She underlines that the Paris attacks are a stark reminder of the need and urgency of renewed international efforts to deal with the scourge of terrorism and extremism. To this end, the Commission will continue to work with the AU Member States and the larger international community to help foster more effective and better coordinated global efforts and response, as well as international peace.

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